

Arizona Commission on the Arts

**Guide to Grants for
Organizations and Schools
2009-2010**

Fiscal Year 2010 Grants

**Project Grants
Resource Assistance**

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OVERVIEW OF ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS PROJECT GRANTS

Project Grants assist all types of organizations in their efforts to provide quality arts programming to communities. Project Grants are awarded, in general, to assist with the costs of connecting artists (or their artistic work) with communities. These arts experiences create the public value for the arts and the rationale for the investment of public funds.

For many years, the Project Grant categories have supported work in the following areas:

- Design/Public Art
- Festivals
- Literary Arts
- Media Arts
- Multidisciplinary/Presenting
- Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Opera, Theatre)
- Visual Arts

WHY CAN'T I APPLY FOR A PROJECT GRANT IN FISCAL YEAR 2010?

As a result of the economic downturn, two of the Commission's funding streams are generating interest income at a much reduced rate. This, in addition to continued legislative reductions to state funding sources, has caused the Commission staff and board to take immediate action related to fiscal year 2010 grant programs.

Grantee feedback has reinforced that General Operating Support (GOS) is critical to the success and health of Arizona arts organizations, especially during this economic downturn. We have opened up eligibility within GOS programs – including a new entry level GOS program – and will do everything in our power to protect operating support to small and large organizations in service of the statewide arts community. Because lifelong learning in the arts is one of our core values, we have not made significant changes to the Arts Learning grant programs, and will do what we can to protect funding in these areas as well.

But because of the reduction in agency grantmaking funds, all discipline-based Project Grants – except for Festivals – have been put on hiatus for the 2009-2010, fiscal year 2010 cycle. The Commission will not accept any project grant applications besides Festivals for the Thursday, March 19, 2009 deadline. In addition, the Commission has had to further limit the maximum number of applications per applicant, and in some cases, the maximum number of applications funded per area. Because the grantmaking budget will be smaller, the entire grants process will likely become more competitive.

Depending on the fiscal year 2010 budget outcome, the Commission may open up the Project Grants later in fiscal year 2010. We will keep constituents informed.

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT CAN THE COMMISSION PROVIDE FOR DISCIPLINE-BASED PROJECTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2010?

We remain committed to providing Arizona arts and service organizations with technical assistance and professional development opportunities, and as always, endeavor to support organizations in delivering quality arts programming to Arizona communities. During this time we pledge to help support your discipline-based projects in non-monetary ways. We have developed a brief survey to gather information related to your project plans (survey details below).

WHAT IS THIS SURVEY AND WHERE CAN I FIND IT?

Commission staff has developed a survey to capture information related to projects for which you would have applied for Commission grant support, had funding been available. This survey should take between 10 to 20 minutes to complete, provided you have all of the necessary information on hand when you begin (see below). The survey must be completed in one continuous session; you will not have the option to save and return. The survey can be found here: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228SQXC33Q4>

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE COMPLETING THE SURVEY?

Be prepared to list contact information for your organization and a project director.

Know whether your organization has received Project Grant funding from the Commission in the past.

Know who your project will benefit or serve, and have a clear, brief description of your proposed project (500 words or less), as well as an understanding about the project's total cost to your organization or group. *Note:* The Commission has over the years supported slightly different eligible fees for each Project Grant area. For the purpose of this exercise and in approaching the survey's budget questions, please assume the Commission's Project Grants support Artist Fees (including travel and per diem), and fees associated with the development of Educational Materials (relevant to the project). You will be asked for the total project cost, and then the amount of funding you would have requested from the Commission.

Finally, you will be asked a series of short questions to help us identify specific resources to support your proposal.

WHY SHOULD I COMPLETE THIS [SURVEY](#)?

After you complete the survey, Commission staff will research information relevant to your project, and will try to identify alternative funding resources and cost-saving or resource-sharing measures to help you complete your project. After the new fiscal year begins – sometime after July 1, 2009 – you will receive a personalized response from staff detailing possible resources, referrals and information to connect you to other sources of funding, and identifying opportunities for partnerships and possible collaborations.

In addition, information about the *projects you would have embarked upon had funding been available* will be useful as we continue to work on your behalf with state and federal authorizers. Specifically the information you provide will be used to assess the impact of recent and ongoing budget cuts, and will also be used as we construct our annual reports to the governor and the National Endowment for the Arts.

IS THERE A DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE [SURVEY](#)?

Yes. Thursday, March 19, 2009.

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